attempt is being made by the Department of Bio-Technology and Indian Council of Medical Research to develop an error-free kit for detection of AIDS Virus. Uptill now three systems namely (i) A Western immuno blot using whole virus lysate (Indian Isolates) at the Cancer Research Institute, Mumbai (ii) an Elia using synthetic peptides at the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi and (iii) An agglutination based assay utilising a drop of blood from suspected individual and re-combination reagents are being tried. They have been evaluated at the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta, Post Graduate Institute for Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, National AIDS Research Institute, Pune and Christian Medical College, Vellorc and Phase I reports are available which say Western Immuno Blot using the whole virus lysate is 100% sensitive and 98% specific. The other two systems namely Elisa and Agglutination have high degree of sensitivity (99% and 98% respectively) and specificity (98% and 95% respectively). Phase II of the Validation is now being attempted.

(c) and (d) The Technology for the development of recombinant reagents for testing of HIV I & II virus with the single drop blood has been patented. Efforts are being made to involve industries for taking up the three test systems/assay for large scale production.

Central Fund for Establishment of Sub-Centres, PHCs and CHCs in Tribal Areas of Gujarat

3283. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided Central Fund for the establishment of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres in Tribal areas of Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and number of centres established during the said period, district-wise;

(c) whether such centres have been established in all the tribal dominated areas of the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres are established and maintained by the State Government under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme. After 1990 on grant was given by the Central Government for opening additional sub-centres, (b) Centre docs not maintain district-wise details.

(c) and (d) As per the available information 1929 sub-centres, 227 Primary Health Centres and 37 Community Health Centres arc functioning in the tribal areas of Gujarat.

Blatant violation of Legislation on Health Warnings to Smokers

3284. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cigarette Companies arc blatantly defying the legislation on Health warnings to smokers by a massive compaign of glossy hoardings and advertisements in which the warnings arc virtually illegible; and

(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to see that the health of the nation, particularly younger people is not jeopardised in this fashion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The minimum size of the lottoring and the languages in which the warning has to be printed